



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, December 2, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday
of Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Toulitos

Ushers

Endy Carter
Ted Poplos
Vasili Semos

Epistle Reader

Tommy Moore

Sermon

Rev. Father Simon
Thomas

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by Elpis to
welcome William
Kallas, our Pastoral
Assistance, to our
Parish Family

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. We are blessed that you have come to our worship service, and hope that you will be both enlightened and inspired. Every Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are attending an Orthodox Church for the first time, our service may be foreign and perplexing to you. We assure you that everything we do is firmly rooted in the Scriptures. Please feel free to participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper – to be, among other things, the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Faith. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practices of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the end of the service.

First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

Psalm 102:2

Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:17

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Psalm 145:1-2

Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 145:5

Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Psalm 145:10

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Third Antiphon

Apolytikion of the Sunday

Verse: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 117:24; Psalm 68:34

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Second Mode

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Hymn of the Annunciation

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before the Ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the great grace. Therefore, with him let us cry out unto the Theotokos, "Hail, Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

**Sunday, December 2,
2018**

Habakkuk the Prophet
St. Cyril of Phileus

**Monday, December 3,
2018**

Zephaniah the Prophet
St. John, Bishop & Hesy-
chast

**Tuesday, December 4,
2018**

St. Barbara the Great
Martyr
St. John the Righteous of
Damascus

**Wednesday, December
5, 2018**

St. Savas the Sanctified
St. Diogenes the Martyr

**Thursday, December 6,
2018**

St. Nicholas the Wonder-
worker
St. Nicholas the New
Martyr

Friday, December 7, 2018

St. Ambrose, Bishop of
Milan
St. Athenodoros of Meso-
potamia

**Saturday, December 8,
2018**

Forefeast of the Concep-
tion of the Theotokos
St. Patapios of Thebes

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

**Prokeimenon. Mode 2.
Psalm 117.14,18**

The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
6:10-17**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Monday, December 3, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed) |

Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Friday, December 7, 2018

Strict Fast | Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Visitation Committee

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

March: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Capadalis Love, & Georgia Karris

June: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

August: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

The following members of our parish family have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.

Alec Collis
Maria Hetos
Stella Nichols

Georgia Smith
Jimmy Smith
Kosta Taras

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.

Announcements

- ◆ **Coffee Fellowship to welcome William Kallas**, our new Pastoral Assistant, to the Parish Family, Sunday, hosted by Elpis, December 2nd at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **DOP Baking for Christmas Bake Sale**, Friday & Saturday, December 7th & 8th at 9:00 am
- ◆ **Pet Blessing**, Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 am
- ◆ **AHEPA Christmas Party**, including spouses, Saturday, December 8th, 4:00 pm at the home of John & Nancy Kay. Please RSVP to John.
- ◆ **2019 PanHellenic Scholarships** are now available at www.panhellenicsf.org/apply.
- ◆ **AHEPA Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for St. Nicholas National Shrine**, Sunday, December 9th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Assembly to approve 2019 Budget**, Sunday, December 9th, at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon**, Tuesday, December 11th, 11:30 am at Jim's Place Grill in Collierville. \$25/ticket. See Athena Jameson or Kathy Zambelis by December 7th to RSVP.
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos & DOP Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 15th, 11:00 am at Ridgeway Country Club. See your organization heads to RSVP.
- ◆ **Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 16th, after Services, in Church Nave.
- ◆ **Stewardship Sunday**, December 16th in Cotros Hall after Christmas Pageant
- ◆ **DOP Christmas Bake Sale**, Sunday, December 16th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party**, Monday, December 31st, 7:00 pm after Divine Liturgy. Space is limited to 150 people so make your Reservations soon. Payment will be required when Reservation is made. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Please see Kathy Zambelis in Cotros Hall on Sundays or call Erin in the Parish Office during the week.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 2nd, Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship sponsored by Elpis Philoptochos to welcome William Kallas to our Parish Family
- † Youth Christmas Caroling departing from church at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 4th, Feast of Saint Barbara

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Library Open 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 5th

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 6th, Feast of Saint Nicholas

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, December 7th

- † DOP baking Koulourakia for Bake Sale 9:00 am

Saturday, December 8th

- † DOP baking Koulourakia for Bake Sale 9:00 am
- † Pet Blessing 10:00 am
- † AHEPA Christmas Party 4:00 pm at home of John & Nancy Kay

Sunday, December 9th, Tenth Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † Last Day of Sunday School—Pageant Practice 11:00 am
- † AHEPA Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for St. Nicholas National Shrine 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † Parish Assembly to Approve 2019 Parish Budget 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall